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NOTES/COMMENTS:

*Discussed
Golding and Dowling*

Monday 12th → 1:00 pm

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*Applicant agrees to
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Inventorship.....Parupudi et al.
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Title: "Environment-Interactive Context-Aware Devices and Methods"

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW
SUBSEQUENT TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF JANUARY 28, 2004

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Examiner Pillai:

In accordance with the procedures of MPEP §713.09, which indicates that "one interview after final rejection is permitted," the Applicant of the above-identified application requests a telephone interview to, at least, clarify the issues for appeal.

For example, with regard to Claim 1 and as set forth in the Applicant's response of October 30, 2003, the Applicant submits that the cited reference of Goldman (U.S. Patent 6,343,291) provides no teaching that is directed to determining a "location" or using a hierarchical tree structure to determine location, as that term is utilized in Applicant's specification. Goldman appears to simply be directed to systems and methods that process information associated

1 with a database so that the information can be presented for viewing by a user.
2 Therefore, it is unclear to the Applicant how Goldman's presentation teachings
3 could be incorporated with Dowling (U.S. Patent 6,522,875) disclosure to render
4 obvious a method that determines a location of a portable device by accessing one
5 or more hierarchical tree structures each of which comprising multiple nodes that
6 represent physical or logical locations and traversing at least one node on the one
7 or more hierarchical tree structures to ascertain a device location.

8 The request for an interview between the Examiner and the Applicant's
9 undersigned attorney is made, not with the intention to repeat arguments
10 previously made, but rather for the Applicant to further explain the invention and
11 for the Examiner to clarify the context in which the cited references have been
12 applied.

13 The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the
14 Applicant's undersigned attorney to arrange for a telephone interview at the
15 Examiner's earliest convenience.

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17 Respectfully Submitted,

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